

Dear Committee Members;

As a voter concerned with animal welfare issues and after getting over the initial revulsion and repulsion of the proposed legislation, let it be known that I stand in strong opposition to such a misguided and thoughtless proposal.

Let's not imitate or mimic China and other backwards thinking nations where consumption of cats and dogs are everyday horrors and routinely in use . This would put us on a similar track to standardize and normalize such madness.

Keep in mind that these animals are familial, sociable and make wonderful pets especially for folks who may lack mobility and space. They are docile and not aggressive and low maintenance.

Also, in this day and age of deadly devastating pandemics, including bird flu close to our CT neighborhoods, it's a foolhardy idea to pen up animals in close quarters and risk disease such as Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) which could ill-affect the public as well.

There is obviously a profit motive at the root of this ill-conceived statute and I urge you to reject such cruelty as this proposal engenders and suggest the originators seek financial remuneration in other less repulsive ways.

Thank you,

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